

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

To the extent not considered by the Examiner, below are reproduced originally submitted Claims 12-15 of which Claim 13 is amended.

1. (Currently Amended) A go-kart chest protective device comprising:
  - (a) a shirt garment; and
  - (b) a protective element affixed to said shirt garment, said protective element being fabricated from an impact resistant material and formed to have a configuration operative to selectively define a limited protective barrier defining a continuous peripheral edge extending below the shoulders and over the clavicle bones, sternum and frontal portion of the rib cage of an individual when said individual wears said shirt garment.
2. (Original) The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said shirt garment is fashioned as a long sleeved garment.
3. (Original) The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said shirt garment is fashioned as a short-sleeved garment.
4. (Original) The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said shirt garment is fashioned as a vest type garment.
5. (Original) The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said shirt garment is fabricated from a material selected from the group consisting of a natural material and a synthetic material.
6. (Original) The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said garment material is provided with a single layer of material extending across the back of said wearer when worn thereby.
7. (Original) The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said protective element is fabricated from hardened plastic.
8. (Original) The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said protective element is fabricated from a compressive foam material.

9. (Original) The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein the protective element is fabricated from a shell of hardened plastic having a foam material disposed therebehind.

10. (Original) The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said protective element is further operative to extend about the upper abdomen of the individual when said shirt garment is worn by said individual.

11. (Original) The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said protective element is stitched to said shirt garment.

12. (Original) The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said protective element is adhesively attached to said shirt garment.

13. (Currently Amended) The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 6 wherein said protective element is further defines a peripheral edge having ~~provided with~~ recessed portions extending toward the pectoralis major of said individual wearing said shirt garment.

14. (Original) The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 13 wherein said protective element further includes rearwardly extending side wall portions operative to provide a protective barrier approximately about the eighth to twelfth ribs of said individual.

15. (Original) The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said protective element is detachably fastenable to said shirt garment.